Department of Transportation Project No. 148-202 Intersection Improvements to Route 68 at Route 150 Town of Wallingford

November 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Wallingford Town Hall
Room 315
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT

Minutes (Summary)

Purpose of Project:

Project 148-202 will modify the intersection lane arrangements to provide two westbound through lanes on Route 68 through its intersection with Route 150, matching the lane arrangement further west. Traffic signal replacement and improvements will also be made.

Presentation:

- ⇒ There were about 13 attendees from the general public, the Mayor of Wallingford, a State Representative and the Town Engineer.
- ⇒ On display were four color plans: a site plan, typical cross section, location plan and an accident diagram. A computer simulation of the existing and proposed traffic pattern for the intersection was utilized.
- ⇒ The proposed construction start is anticipated for spring 2013.

Public Comments and Questions:

- ⇒ Future synchronization of the traffic lights through the Route 68 corridor with a longer green phase at Route 68 and Route 150 was discussed. This is being considered by the Town as a future project.
- ⇒ Concerns were raised regarding the cost of the proposed sidewalk and who is responsible for maintaining it.
- ⇒ Suggestions were made for changing the lane arrangements of Route 150 northbound.
- ⇒ Suggestions were made for replacing the Route 15 underpass for Route 68, in addition to the project. It was noted that this would be significantly beyond the scope and allowable cost of the project, but would be considered for a future project.
- ⇒ The Town of Wallingford plans to replace the utility poles prior to the project. Coordination of the Town's and State's work will be done as possible at an upcoming utility meeting.
- ⇒ Suggestion to construct an underground conduit for future synchronization of the traffic lights through the corridor. This will be investigated.